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Penalties Ordinance For Province

LATHI CHARGE & FIRING IN BENARES

Riotous Demonstrations: Bomb-Burst In Lucknow

BOMBAY, August 16.

Sec. 5 of the Enhancement of Penalties Ordinance has been applied throughout Bombay Province by the Government of Bombay. This means that the offence of sabotage may be punished by whipping or death.

COLLECTIVE FINES

The District Magistrates have also been asked to make recommendations under the Collective Fines Ordinance for the imposition of collective fines where sabotage occurs and if it seems reasonable to hold the inhabitants of the locality responsible.—A. P.

CHIEF TROUBLE IN DELHI

NEW DELHI, August 15.

All was quiet again in Delhi to-day. More shops were open and trams were running. The chief trouble at present seems to be wild rumours, many of them doubtless started with the object of keeping many shops closed.

It had been hoped to restart the Delhi Cloth Mills, but at the last moment this hope was disappointed, but efforts to restart the mills continue.

The Deputy Commissioner held conference with leading shopkeepers and millowners who agreed to broadcast appeal for restoration of the normal condition.

The Jumna river is still in high flood and villagers are being evacuated by boats.—A. P.

QUIET DAY IN DELHI

NEW DELHI, Aug. 16.

A press "communique" issued by the Deputy Commissioner of Delhi says:—

The day passed quietly in Delhi. Although it was Sunday, which is usually a holiday, a large number of shops remained opened. Attempts were made to hold two small meetings towards the evening, but dispersed of their own accord on the arrival of the police.

The same thing happened, the previous night, when an attempt was made to move a small procession through some of the narrow streets of Delhi.

An interesting feature of last night's procession was, a sick child laid on the intended processional route, which point however the procession never reached.

The Jumna, has been in very heavy flood to-day and a large number of villagers have been evacuated.—A. P.

BOMB EXPLODES IN LUCKNOW

LUCKNOW, August 15.

A country-made bomb exploded in Lucknow this evening resulting in serious injuries to a police Naik and injuries to some others. The police have cordoned the entire Aminabad area.

A number of houses were searched and some persons have been detained by the police for interrogation.

POLICE LORRY DAMAGED.

A police lorry was damaged by a crowd in Aryanagar. Police arrived on the scene and dispersed the crowd.—A. P.

Section 144 In Lucknow

LUCKNOW, Aug. 13.

The additional District Magistrate, Almora has promulgated an order under Section 144 Cr. P. C. prohibiting the assembly of five persons or holding of meetings and taking out of processions for a period of two weeks.—A. P.

BAN EXTENDED TO DISTRICT

LUCKNOW, Aug. 14.

The District Magistrate Lucknow has extended the order under Sec. 144 Cr. P. C. prohibiting the taking out of processions and the holding of meetings within the limits of the Lucknow municipality and Cantonment area to the whole of the Lucknow District for a period of fourteen days with effect from August 14, 1942, unless previously withdrawn.—A. P.

Cawnpore Arrests

CAWNPORE Aug. 13.

The President of the Cawnpore District Congress Committee was arrested yesterday in village Birsinghpur in Ghatampur police circle.

The city police have so far rounded up 100 persons suspected to be bad characters. During the last two days 300 arrests were effected for breach of the curfew order, according to official estimates in connection with tampering of telephone and telegraph wires in the city. The police made 20 arrests to-day.—A. P.

Eight Rounds Fired Near Chetgung

BENARES, Aug. 12.

(Delayed in Transmission.)

Eight rounds were fired near Chetgung to-day on a mob resulting in injuries to two persons by bullet wounds and a few others by Lathi charge, who were immediately removed to the civil hospital, where their condition is said to be improving.

When a procession reached near Chetgung, the police asked it to disperse but the processionists refused to do so and the police had to resort to Lathi charge. The mob responded by throwing stones and brickbats on the police, and the police to control the situation, had to open fire. Some people received injuries as a result of Lathi charge and were removed to hospital. One constable and a Civic Guard also received injuries by stone and brickbats reported to have come from the crowd and were admitted in the hospital.

ONE KILLED IN POLICE FIRING

The police had to open fire in Sunarpur where one man died and two others received injuries as a result of police firing. They were immediately removed to hospital. The police opened fire near the Cantonment on a mob, which was also throwing stones and brickbats at the police when they tried to disperse the crowd by Lathi charge.—A. P.

154 Arrested In Disrtict

MEERUT, Aug. 16.

Eleven Congressmen have been arrested so far for detention in Meerut city and cantonment and almost all the leading Congressmen in the District. So far 154 men have been arrested in Meerut District for rioting, breach of curfew order under section 144 Cr. P.C. the District Magistrate has promulgated an order under section 144 Cr. P. C. for a period of two months, prohibiting collecting or proceeding in group of more than five persons, carrying lathis, etc., holding meetings and taking out in the city and cantonment within a radius of five miles.

CURFEW FOR MONTH.

The District Magistrate has promulgated curfew order since last night for a period of one month in the city and cantonment between 10 p.m. to 5 a. m. it has been proclaimed by the beat of drum that people found rioting and people indulging in arson and looting are subject to punishment of whipping and death respectively.—A. P.

Tram Services Suspended In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, August 16.

Considerable improvement in the situation in the city was noticed this morning and till about 11 a. m. the only major incident reported was the burning of some properties of a sub-post office in the Ballygunge area early in the morning. It is stated that the miscreants broke open a window of the Post Office and set fire to certain portion of the building, causing considerable damage. But the fire was shortly extinguished.

Mobile military squads continue patrolling the streets and armed pickets are stationed at street crossings in disturbed zones.

TRAMS SUSPENDED

Tram service all over the city and suburbs continue to remain suspended, while buses are running in some of the routes in depleted numbers.

The police made a round up of Congress workers and leaders early in the morning and have so far taken ten persons in custody.

While police and military continue to keep strict vigilance over all the affected areas, the situation seems considerably improved so far (5 p.m.)

SET FIRE TO TRAM CAR

Towards the evening a stray case of mob violence was reported from Dhurmtollah area, where a group of people are stated to have set fire to a tram car which was being taken from one depot to another. The fire was, however, quickly extinguished.

The fire brigade had received over twenty false alarms from 10 a.m. yesterday to 10 a.m. to-day as a result of some of the fire boxes in the streets being tampered with by the crowd.—A. P.

CITY RETURNS TO NORMAL

Arrests Continue

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Normal conditions prevailed in the city on Sunday, nothing untoward happening. However the military and police vigilance still continues unrelaxed. The roundup of bad characters also continues. Several persons were arrested on Saturday night for breach of the Curfew.

Two Arrests In City

Mr. Narbheram Popat, (a Socialist) was arrested to-day.

Mr. C. S. Dongre a former G. O. C. of the Prohibition Guards in the Congress regime was also arrested.

Prabhat Ferry Dispersed

Nearly a hundred students took out a Prabhat feri on Sunday morning from Royal Opera House. After going round Prarthana Samaj and byelanes they came near Lamington Road. There the police dispersed them.

Messrs. S. B. Kotian and Ayarn Suwarna. Congress volunteers, were arrested on Sunday.

Bombay-Poona Trains Diverted

BOMBAY, Sunday.

The diversion of trains on the Bombay-Poona line still continues. Madras Mail is diverted via Dhond-Manmad line. The Deccan Queen is also diverted via Dhond Manmad line, and will leave Poona at 8-5 a.m. on Monday.

A Passenger Relief Special will leave Victoria Terminus for Poona at 8-30 p.m. to-day via Dhond-Manmad line. One more Special for Poona will leave at 9-30 p.m. to-day.

Curfew To Be Extended In Poona?

POONA, Aug. 16.

The question of extending a Curfew Order beyond its initial period of one week, from August 12 is understood to be, under consideration of the authorities.

Meanwhile the public have been warned, that if any further acts of mischief and arson or attempted arson are committed, whether by night or by day, the period of the Curfew Order will have to be extended and while being so extended, will be made to embrace the whole of the remaining portion of Poona City municipal area not under Curfew at present.—A. P.

100 Poona Students Arrested

POONA, August 16.

About 100 students, including 14 girl students, were taken into custody by the police for having taken part in processions this afternoon.

A procession of students, which started from the Ferguson College and marched through the main thoroughfares of the City was stopped by the police and broken up near Shanwar Wada.

Students took out another procession from the Engineering College which was similarly held up by the police half-way and prevented from proceeding further.—A. P

REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS

National Peace Council's Plea For India

LONDON, Aug. 16.

A plea to reopen negotiations "having as their objective not only the ending of the present conflict but securing for India an interim Government based on all major political groups and broadly reflecting the popular will," is made by the Executive Committee of the National Peace Council in a resolution on the present situation in India.

The President of the Council is the Cambridge Professor of Astronomy Sir Arthur Eddington and the Vice-Presidents include the Bishop of Birmingham, Chief Rabbi Hertz and Dean Hewlett Johnson of Canterbury Cathedral.

BIRMINGHAM: Sir Richard Acland, M.P., told a meeting in Birmingham that it was intolerable that negotiations should not be renewed immediately.—A. P.

JAP CONVOY DISPERSED

LONDON, August 16.

From Allied headquarters southwest Pacific.

A 'communique' states: "In the north-western sector in Timor Allied medium bombers attacked enemy troops, buildings, road transportation and other installations on the south-east coast. Direct hits were made on buildings and fires were started in the area. The enemy intercepted on flight without success. In the north-east sector in Kokoda enemy pressure against our forward posts continues.

There is no further news of the small escorted convoy attacked off New Britain on Friday and it is presumed that it has apparently dispersed.

Allied troops in Timor are maintaining organised resistance. Enemy forces in Kokoda, where sporadic skirmishing is again reported, has been somewhat reinforced in the past few days.

U. S. Captures Jap 'Drome

VICHY, Aug. 16.

The Vichy radio to-day admitted that the United States forces had captured a Japanese aerodrome on one of the Solomon Islands.—Reuter.

Demonstration In Calcutta

Three students received injuries when the police dispersed by lathi charge a crowd of demonstrators from the Wellington Square this afternoon. About half a dozen students were arrested in this connection. The injured are being sent to hospital. The demonstrators are appearing on the streets at short intervals, and dispersing when chased by the police. At 2-45 p. m. the police made another lathi charge on a crowd on Wellington Street. Three persons were injured and removed to hospital.

TRAM WIRES CUT

While the demonstrators were active in large numbers in the Wellington Square area, a section of them were found moving about in some parts of North Calcutta, specially along tram lines, urging passengers of trams and buses to leave their vehicles and the conductors and drivers to stop running. In some places overhead tram wires were cut and the tram service remains suspended in the Cornwallis Square section since 2 p. m.

At about 3-30 p. m. a procession of students of the Calcutta Medical College tried to march towards Wellington Square, but were intercepted by the police. Persuasion for about half an hour having failed, the police had to make a lathi charge to disperse the processionists.

Situation near College Street Market is reported to be rather worse. Demonstrators in this locality are stated to have attacked running trams and buses with stones and brickbats, damaging several of them, and set fire to one tram-car. Fire alarm boxes have also been damaged at some places.

CROWDS DISPERSED BY USING TEAR SMOKE

DACCA.—At Sadarghat in the morning a crowd was found interferring with traffic. A sergeant intervened but he was attacked by the crowd with brickbats. The police had then to disperse the crowd by using tear smoke.

Telephone and telegraph wires over the city were in some places

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New Ordinance

Sweeping Powers For Army Officers

Use Of Force "Even To Causing Of Death" Against Person Who Fails To Halt When Challenged Or Attempts Or Appears To Attempt To Damage Any Property

(DELAYED IN TRANSMISSION.)

NEW DELHI, Aug. 15.

Certain special powers are given to officers of the armed forces under the provisions of an ordinance issued to-day applicable to the whole of British India.

The ordinance lays down:—

Any officer not below the rank of Captain in His Majesty's military forces and any officer holding equivalent rank either in His Majesty's naval or air forces or in the forces of a foreign power Allied with His Majesty or in the forces of a foreign authority recognised by His Majesty as competent to maintain armed forces for service in association with His Majesty's forces or in the military forces of an Indian State serving in association with any such forces as aforesaid, may, if in his opinion it is necessary for the proper performance of his duty so to do, by general or special order in writing, require any personnel under his command to use such force as may be necessary even to the causing of death against any person who:—

(A) fails to halt when challenged by a sentry or

(B) does attempt to do, or appears to be about to do or attempt to do, any such act as would endanger or damage any property of any description whatsoever which it is the duty of such officer to protect, and it shall be lawful for such personnel, when so ordered, to use such force against such person.

The use of force against any person in obedience to an order under this section shall include the power to arrest and take into custody such person, and the use of such force as may be necessary, even to the causing of death, in order to effect such arrest.

Any person arrested and taken into custody under this ordinance shall be made over to the officer in charge of the nearest police station as soon as practicable, together with a report of the circumstances occasioning the arrest.—A. P.

M. P. Pleads For

WAR UNION OF ALLIES

Need For Momentous Step To Save Russia

IPSWICH, Aug. 16.

One command, one strategy, one war machine, was urged by Mr. Edgar Granville, M.P., speaking at Ipswich on Saturday. "Let Churchill, Stalin, Roosevelt and Chiang Kai-Shek take the momentous step for saving Russia of announcing a full war union of the United Nations, a union of military, industrial and economic resources", he said.—Reuter.

Chinese Resistance In Nanchang Sector

CHUNGKING, Aug. 16.

Japanese reinforcements from Nanchang capital of Kiangsi Province and from Tunsiang are launching an attack from north and east respectively, in an effort to ease Chinese pressure on Lucnwan, 65 miles south of Nanchang, says to-night's Chinese Communique.

Twenty thousand Japanese have been resisting the Chinese offensive in this area, for the past ten days.—Reuter.

13 AXIS AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN

MALTA, Aug. 16.

It is now known that at least 13 Axis aircraft were shot into the sea by the R. A. F. fighters protecting the British convoy which safely reached Malta on Thursday. Many more Axis aircraft were damaged.

The Axis aircraft shot down were mostly bombers attempting to attack the convoy on its last lap.—Reuter.

Laval-Petain Talks

BERLIN, Aug. 15.

M. Laval had a long talk with Marshal Petain to-day, the German News Agency learns from Vichy.—Reuter.

PROF. GHANSHYAM ARRESTED

KARACHI, Aug. 15.

The day passed off quietly.

Prof. Ghanshyam, M.L.A. and Mr. Parsram Tahilramani, Secretary of the Sind Provincial Congress Committee have been arrested.—A. P.

Dr. Popatlal Arrested

KARACHI, August 15.

Doctor Popatlal, Secretary of the Congress Assembly Party, who returned here yesterday, from Bombay, was arrested to-day.—A. P.

Towards Nazi Demoralisation

Confidence In R. A. F. And Russian Offensive To Stem Nazis

LONDON, August 16.

The Russians in the East and the R. A. F. in the West, are already preparing in Germany, a state of demoralisation, declares Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal, Britain's Air Chief, in an article in a special R. A. F. issue of the Chicago magazine 'Flying and Popular Aviation."

"The time is not very far off, when British and American bomber squadrons will be able to destroy German industry and power at a rate which outstrips repair. No town in Western Germany can now consider itself safe and as nights lengthen, the area which our bombers can cover, in darkness extends.

"Soon it will be possible once again to reach Berlin and other cities in the eastern half of the Reich.

In Africa

Three Enemy Lighters Sunk

CAIRO, August 16.

To-day's Middle East joint war 'Communique' states: "Apart from patrol activities during the night of August 14/15 there is nothing to report from our land forces.

Our fighter-bombers attacked targets in the battle area. At least three lighters were sunk and others damaged by our light bombers and fighter-bombers off the African coast. When enemy escorting fighters attempted to prevent our attacks one was shot down.

Our Malta fighters destroyed two enemy bombers during the night of August 14/15 and one fighter on August 15.—Reuter.

NO INDIANS IN THIS GROUP

Repatriation Of Allied Nationals From Shanghai

TOKYO, August 16.

The fourth repatriation ship "Kamakura Maru" has arrived in Shanghai from Kobe to pick up 907 British and Allied citizens, who are due to sail for Lourenco Marques in Portuguese East Africa to-morrow, says a Japanese News Agency dispatch.

Those being repatriated include 300 British officials from Shanghai and 70 British Officials from other parts of China. The group will not include any Americans or Indians, adds the dispatch.—Reuter.

Eyewitness' Account

HELL LET LOOSE ON RHODES

"Italian Defences Poor And Ragged"

CAIRO, Aug. 16.

"British warships were pouring shells into Rhodes, at the rate of one per second, when we arrived over the scene", declared an R. A. F. squadron leader who took part in the bombardment of Rhodes on Thursday.

Describing the aerial view he said: "We approached the island in pitch darkness. We could just see the lights of Turkey glittering in the distance. The navy's bombardment was terrific. As I came over the target to attack Maritza aerodrome, it seemed as though hell was let loose below.

The Italians were clearly taken by surprise for their ground defences were poor and ragged. There was considerable cloud but we dropped all our bombs on the aerodrome.—Reuter.

U. S. BOMBER CRASHES

NEW YORK, August 16.

A large bomber carrying a crew of 24 crashed at Peru in Massachusetts. It is feared that many crew perished but at least four escaped death.—Reuter.

AZORES AND MADERIA UNDER MILITARY CONTROL

LONDON, Aug. 16.

The Vichy radio declared this morning that the Portuguese Government have placed the Azores and Maderia under military control.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

PENALTIES (ENHANCEMENT) ORDINANCE

NAGPUR, Aug. 16.

The C. P. Government by a "Gazette" extraordinary has applied to the whole of the province sections 4, 5 and 7 of the Penalties (Enhancement) Ordinance of 1942.

The District Council of Chhindwara and the local Boards of Chhindwara, Amarwara and Sausar have been superseded for a period of six months.—A. P.

PROFITEERS PUNISHED

PESHAWAR, Aug. 15.

As punishment for profiteering five shopkeepers in Kabul have been ordered to close their shops for 15 days, according to a report from the Afghan capital.—A. P.

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M. R. A. BAIG,
Sheriff of Bombay.

Bombay, 15th August, 1942. (9380)

NOTICE.

A NEW BURMA CIVIL LIST is under preparation. The Burma Secretariat at Simla has the names only of Government Servants, who have reported to Lt. Col. Ewing at Calcutta or who have intimated the Secretariat at Simla of their arrival in India.

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NOTICE.

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R. G. B. PRESCOTT, O.B.E.,
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Defence Department,
Government of Burma,
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B. C. DASGUPTA,
Executive Health Officer,
Bombay Municipality.
Public Health Dept.,
Bombay, 7th August, 1942. 9325

NOTICE.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai BACHUBAI, widow of Pestonji Cowasji Padar has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. Any person having any claim or interest in or to the said property by way of sale, mortgage, trust, possession, gift, inheritance lease or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Jehangir Wadia Building, 51, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay and to the Collector of Municipal rates and taxes within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of Government land of the Foras tenure cess whereof has been redeemed containing by admeasurement 526.50 Square Yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue along with other land under Collector's Old No. 7327, Collector's New No. A/13478 and 1402 Old Survey No. 194 and New Survey No. 2/7354 bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1/1232 of the Girgaum Division together with the dwelling-house and all buildings standing or lying thereon and which premises are assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under D Ward Nos. 1815(4), 1815(11) and 1815(12) and Street Nos. 2 E. 2 and 70 A and are situate on the South side of Proctor Street near Grant Road in the Registration sub-district of Bombay and are bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the North by the property belonging to the said Bai Bachubai, widow of Pestonji Cowasji Padar, on or towards the south by the property of Abubakar Jan Mahomed Chhotani and another and on or towards the East partly by Proctor Street and partly by the property of Parbhudas Purshotam and on or towards the west by the property of the Bombay Baroda and Central India Railway Co.

Dated this 13th day of August, 1942

MULLA & MULLA.
Purchasers Attorneys. 9383.

Auction Sales

BENNETT & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTIES AT ELPHINSTONE ROAD.

Under instructions from the Court Receiver and Receiver in S. C. C. Suit No. 17585 of 1938 and in pursuance of the directions contained in the Consent Judge's Order by the High Court in the above suit and dated 28th July, 1941, Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by public auction on MONDAY, the 7th September, 1942, at 4 P.M. (S.T.) the undermentioned properties in two lots at the premises.

LOT NO. 1.

1. All that piece of land of Foras Tenure (Cess whereof has been redeemed) admeasuring about 111 sq. yds. with building thereon situate at Elphinstone Road, Dadar, bearing Cadastral Survey No. 15 (part) of Dadar-Naigam Division, Municipal 'F' Ward No. 392 (2A) St. Nos. 242-242A, and bounded on the East by Elphinstone Road, On the West by the property, hereinafter secondly described, on the South by the property of Damodar Ganpat Patil, and on the North by a common passage.

2. All that piece of vacant land of Foras Tenure (cess now redeemed) admeasuring about 388 sq. yds. bearing Cadastral Survey No. 15 (part) of Dadar-Naigam Division), Municipal 'F' Ward No. 392 (10) and 392 (10A), St. Nos. 242 B and 242 (BA) Dadar Road.

LOT NO. 2.

All that piece of land of Foras Tenure (cess now redeemed) admeasuring about 418 sq. yds. with a building thereon, bearing Cadastral Survey No. 16 of Dadar-Naigam Division, Municipal "F" Ward No. 392 (15), etc., St. No. 242D, etc., and bounded on the East by the property of Raibai, widow, on the west by the property of Kahalbhai Chunilal, on the South by the property of Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim, and on the North by a passage.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Mahimtura & Co., Attorneys for the Receiver No. 66, Tamarind Lane, Fort, or the undersigned.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai MARIAMBAI GULAMHUSSEIN and Bai KUBRABAI ALIBHAI have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client free from all incumbrances:—

ALL PERSONS having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Ali Chambers, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen (14) days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

FIRSTLY:— ALL that piece or parcel of Fazandari Land or ground belonging to the Church of Lady Rozario of Mazagaon together with the messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being at Byculla Tank, Pakody Road or De Lisle Road, without the Fort of Bombay in the Registration District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 233 (Two hundred and thirty-three) square yards or thereabouts be the same a little more or less and bearing Collector's New Survey No. 3461 and bounded as follows that is to say:—On or towards the EAST partly by the property hereinafter Secondly described and partly by the property of Girdhari Puneram; on or towards the WEST by the property of Kansoo Dhakot, on or towards the NORTH by Public Passage and on or towards the SOUTH by the property of Nargao Saghaji and which said premises are assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "E' Ward No. 7162 and Old Street No. 1 and New Street No. 680(C).

SECONDLY:—ALL that piece or parcel of Fazandari land or ground belonging to the Church of Lady Rozario of Mazagaon together with the messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being at Byculla Tank, Pakody Road or De Lisle Road in the Island of Bombay in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay and containing by admeasurement (300) square yards or thereabouts be the same a little more or less and bearing Collector's New No. 3461 and bounded as follows that is to say:—On or towards the NORTH by the house of Girdhari Puneram, on or towards the EAST by the said De Lisle Road, on or towards the SOUTH by the Chawl of Elappa Sallaji and on or towards the WEST by the property firstly hereinbefore described and which said hereditaments and premises are assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "E" Ward No. 7160, Old Street Nos. 12, 14, 16 and New Street Nos. 678 and 680A.

The aforesaid all premises bear Cadastral Survey No. 1811 of Byculla Division and admeasures 556 square yards according to the Extract from the Survey Register and bears New Survey No. part of 2/3461 and Collector's New No. 13691.

Dated this 17th day of August, 1942.

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N B.—Note Change in Timings!

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German Pressings Towards The Volga & Stalingrad Resisted

Nazis Attempt To Cross Kuban Foiled: Don 'Elbow' Still In Soviet Hands: Positions Improve In Kotelnikovo And Kletskaya Sectors

MOSCOW: Describing the bitter struggle for Stalingrad the "Pravda's" correspondent says: "Pressing forward towards the Volga and towards Stalingrad, the enemy has met with the stubborn resistance of our troops in the area north-east of Kotelnikovo.

He has sustained here enormous losses in manpower and equipment and has been forced in some localities to pass to the defensive.

In some sectors our units are counter-attacking the enemy and succeeding in improving their positions, recapturing advantageous heights and good defensive positions.

However, by hurling forward new reserves, which have been regrouped in the rear the Germans, continue to carry out offensive operations in decisive sectors.

FUTILE NAZI THRUSTS

As in the last few days the Germans continue to concentrate their forces in narrow sectors of the front, trying at any cost to wedge into our defensives. Our troops are firmly holding their positions, in some sectors of the front and are counter-attacking the enemy. At places, the enemy sustaining heavy losses has been forced to retreat."

To-day's Soviet midday 'communique' states: "During the night of August 15 our troops fought the enemy in areas south-east of Kletskaya and north-east of Kotelnikovo as well as in areas of Mineralnie Vodi, Cherkessk, Maikop and Krasnodar. No changes took place on other sectors of the front."

Several German attacks south east of Kletskaya were repelled and heavy losses inflicted on the Germans by the Soviet artillery, says a supplement to the Midday Communique.

ATTEMPT TO CROSS KUBAN FOILED.

The Germans under cover of artillery and aircraft tried to throw a crossing over the Kuban, in the Kuban and in the Krasnodar area but the crossing was destroyed by Soviet troops. In the area of Maikop Soviet troops repelled a German attack and destroyed 11 German tanks, 24 lorries and annihilated 400 Germans. The supplement adds that in the area of Mineralnie Vodi numerically superior German forces pressed back one of the Soviet units.

HEAVY LOSS TO GERMANS.

In the area of Voronezh our units carried out active operations and advanced. About 1,200 German officers and men were wiped out. The supplement adds "on the western bank of the river Don two battalions of drunken Hungarians after two hour of artillery preparation launched a counter-attack." The Hungarians were driven back with heavy losses. The Germans launched an attack on the Briansk front. A counter-attack by Soviet units dislodged the Germans from one locality.

RUSSIAN STAND ON DON ELBOW

The latest frontline despatches show that although the Germans used 100 tanks, in four successive attacks yesterday, southeast of Kletskaya, they once again failed to smash of their way through to the banks of the Don "Elbow". During the morning, a defending Soviet rifle division lost several important positions but a Soviet artillery regiment rushed into battle straight from a long march and saved the situation.

Three separate tank attacks by the enemy were broken up by gun fire at close range. By the end of the day the Germans had been forced to retreat to their original position.

FIGHTING NEAR CAUCASUS FOOTHILLS.

Throughout the area near the Caucasus foothills, intense fighting is going on, especially in the region of Mineralnie Vodi. By exploiting the possibility of keeping out of sight in the ravines, the Germans are trying to bypass Soviet strong points but, said the "Red Star" to-day, are not always succeeding. The Russians are everywhere putting up obstinate resistance and losses on both sides are heavy.

Dispatches from the Krasnodar region in the northwestern Caucasus indicate that the Germans made no appreciable progress yesterday against the Kuban river barrier. The region where the fighting is taking place abounds in rivers, hills and ravines favourable to the defending forces —Reuter.

THE RUMANIAN ARMY —SCAPEGOAT OF NAZIS

MOSCOW, Aug. 16.

The Rumanians have lost about 500,000 men in Russia, said the "Red Star" to-day (Sunday). Among the Rumanian units destroyed were three infantry divisions and two Alpine brigades.

The Rumanian army at the beginning of the war consisted of 30 Infantry divisions, one Panzer division and several Cavalry and Alpine brigades, about one million men in all. Whenever an outflanking manoeuvre by the German troops was impossible the German Command sent in Rumanians to make frontal attacks on Russian strong holds In this way they were used at Odessa, Kerch, and Sebastopol.

Now that they have been badly battered, they have been split up and absorbed into the German divisions. They remain first line troops in the heaviest battles—and behind them are German Machine-guns.—Reuter.

"RED" FORCES ATTACK LAKE ILMEN SECTOR

LONDON, Aug. 16.

Strong Soviet attacks in an area east of Vyazma and in Rzhev sector are mentioned by the German News Agency, which claims that attacks were repulsed. The Agency also says that south of the lake Ilmen, strong Soviet forces have been attacking, since dawn on Saturday and succeeded in breaking through the German front line at one point, but were eventually repulsed.

Nazis Admission

LONDON, Aug. 16.

The German radio reported a local Soviet infiltration into the German lines on the Rzhev front northeast of Moscow. It was claimed that the defending troops by counter-attacks succeeded in mopping up the infiltrating forces. One German strong point, it said, was subjected to 11 attacks and another to seven.

Soviet Break-Through South Of Voronezh

A Russian "local break-through" south of Voronezh was reported by the German High Command spokesman quoted by the German Radio.

He claimed that the gap was closed by immediate counter-attacks. North and north-west of Voronezh, the spokesman said the Russians "continued their mass attacks." Hand to hand fighting took place in some sectors.—Reuter.

Appalling Loss Due To Sind Floods

Alla Bux Appeals For Collecting Half Crore Of Rupees For Relief And Rebuilding

KARACHI, August 15.

"The total damage caused by the Sind floods amounts to crores of rupees, but the suffering and distress which they have inflicted on the people is incalculable. The Government of Sind have taken emergent measures to deal with the crisis, but no Government can cope with such a dire calamity without the sympathetic assistance and co-operation of those large-hearted men and women throughout the country whose solicitude for the welfare of their fellow-beings recognises no boundaries of creed or province."

So says the Premier Khan Bahadur Alla Bux, in an Indiawide appeal for funds, for the relief of and rehabilitation of flood-sufferers.

FORM CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The Premier adds: "It is necessary that a strong representative Central Committee should be immediately formed with the double task of giving emergency relief and rebuilding the countryside. The Provincial Government will do its share by means of grants and help of experts, and it is hoped that the Government of India will lend a ready hand when an appeal is made to them for aid."

URGENT NEED OF HALF CRORE RUPEES

The floods, continues the Premier, is not yet subsided and it is impossible to state at present what will be the total damage or cost of reconstruction. "I feel we should aim at a total of not less than half a crore of rupees. Already six donors have contributed over a lakh of rupees. Contributions may be sent to the Premier, or Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanji Mehta.—A. P.

Benares University Closed Till Sept. 14

BENARES, Aug. 13.

"All the colleges and teaching institutions of the University will remain closed till the 14th of September, 1942, on account of the present disturbed conditions in Benares. Students are strongly advised in their own interests to be with their parents or guardians" announces a notice issued by Sir S. Radhakrishnan, Vice-Chancellor, Benares, Hindu University.—A. P.

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LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS

To-day

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Muslim: Saban 4, 1361.
Parsi: Aspandarmad 17, 1311.
Sunrise: 6-21 a.m. Sunset: 7-13, u.m.
Hightide: 2-48, 14-59. Lowtide: 8-30, 21-11

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

METRO—"Cash and Carry" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Pyas" 1-40 and 4 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Sangam" 3 p.m. only
LAMINGTON—"Kunwara Bap" 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Hold that Ghost" 3-30, 6 and 9-30
CAPITOL—"Two-faced Woman" 3-30, 6 and 9-30 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Go West Young Lady" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
NEW WEST-END—"Khan Daan" 3 p.m. only
EDWARD—"Diamond Queen" 1-30 and 4
CHITRA—"Sister" 1 and 4 p.m. only
AURORA—"South of Tahiti" 3 and 5 p.m.
PALACE—"They Met in Bombay" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Phir Milenge" 3-30 p.m. Sat. Sun. 12-30
CITY LIGHT—"Padosi" 1-15 and 4 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Sangam" 1-30 and 4-15 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Ankh Michowli" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Thoola" [illegible] 4 p.m.
MINERVA—"Station Master", 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Basant" 1 and 4 p.m.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

There will be No Meeting of the Corporation to-day (Monday).

"ACK-ACK" FIRING.

Anti-aircraft firing practice will be held in Bombay between 10-30 a. m. and 6 p.m. on Monday August 17, or between 2-30 and 6-30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18.

NOTICE TO JURYMEN.

Special Jurors' attention is drawn to the notice appearing in the Public Notifications Column.

THE SAFETY FIRST ASSOCIATION OF INDIA: "2nd Incident Officers Training Course for Factories." Lecture on "Unexploded Bombs" by Maj. G. R. Ovens, to-day (Monday), 5-30 p.m. in the Conference Hall, Electric House, Fort.

SUPPLY OF RICE AND JOWAR TO RETAILERS.

With effect from Wednesday August 19, retail grain dealers who have applied for licences under the Bombay Retail Trade Control and Licensing Order, 1942, will be supplied with small quantities of rice and jowar from the Sewree Government Godown in the Wadia Charity Godown buildings.

Retail dealers who have not yet applied for licences under the Bombay Retail Trade Control and Licensing order, 1942, should apply immediately to the Assistant Director of Civil Supplies (Licensing Department) Secretariat Bombay.

B. H. U. EXAMINATION RESULTS

The following candidates passed the B. Sc. Mining Examination of the Benares Hindu University, held in the month of April, 1942:

Kadiampatti Subramany Ayer Natarajan, Harendra Nath Barua Man Mohan Das and Harish Chandra Das.

The following passed the M. Sc. Agricultural Botany Examination of the Benares Hindu University, held in the month of April, 1942:—

Amar Nath Khanna, Amar Singh, Chanharja Singh, Gursham Singh, Hasan Luqman, Jasoda Nandan Bhargava, Kamalesh Chandra Dey, Madhav Shankar Pavgi, Mohan Prasad Gupta, Nirode Baron Syamal, Praphulla Kumar Sen Gupta, Ramesh Chandra Agnihotri, Satyanarayana Rao Vissa, Satya Narain Singh Srivastava, Satya Ranjan Barooah, S. Murtaza Hasan, Shanker Singh, Sheo Murat Singh, Shri Krishna Shukla, Shri Ram Jalote, Sohan Lal Gupta, Vasant Chintaman Lele, Vishwa Nath Pratap Singh and Yogendra Pal Singh.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION

CALCUTTA, Aug. 16.

The Chief Superintendent, Central Telegraph Office, Calcutta, in a Press Note states:—

"Telegraph communication with all places in India, excepting northern Bengal (Darjeeling, etc.) continues to be interrupted and all telegrams will be subject to very heavy delay."—A.P.

NIZAM'S BAN ON CONGRESS.

(From Our Correspondent.)

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) Aug. 16.

The Nizam's Government has issued orders declaring Congress organisations unlawful all over the Hyderabad State

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GOVERNMENT TO INTERVENE?

Bombay Municipal Corporation Deadlock

The arrest of Prof. D. R. Gharpure, Chairman of the Schools Committee on Saturday, has further complicated the affairs of the Bombay Municipality.

The deadlock in the administration of the Schools Committee is considered to be serious. The cheques of the Committee's office are signed by the Chairman and the secretary and now that the Chairman has been arrested and that Mr. Motichand G. Kapadia, the Chairman of the Standing Committee has refused to convene meetings of the Municipal Corporation in view of the fact that the Mayor is "not incapable of acting", as provided in Sec. 36 of the Municipal Act and that, therefore, he is not justified in calling meetings himself, it looks as though the Government will take the initiative.

The whole question of the meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation or of the Standing Committee or of the other statutory committees, the Improvement Committee and the Schools Committee hinges on the decision the Congress Municipal Party takes. But under the present circumstances, it is unlikely that they will meet to take any decision at all.

The amendment of the Municipal Act or the promulgation of an ordinance by the Governor may lend a different complexion to the whole question and then it is likely that the Congress Party will meet to take a decision regarding their future course of action.

LEAGUERS' STAND

The Muslim League Party in the Corporation considered this question on Saturday afternoon, Mr. Umar Rajab, its leader, presiding. It passed the following resolution:—"This party views with grave concern the attitude of the Chairman of the Standing Committee in not calling meetings of the Corporation and consequently creating a deadlock in Civic affairs. While deploring the said move of the Congress Party in the Corporation the Muslim League Party calls upon the Government of Bombay to amend without any loss of time the city of Bombay Municipal Act enabling the Municipal Commissiner to convene a meeting of the Corporation in the event of the Mayor's inability and the Standing the Municipal Commissioner to exercise the said right.

The Federated Group of the Corporation and some independent members will meet on Monday evening to consider the situation. But the members of the League Party are not likely to attend the meeting as they have practically decided to function as a separate group.

"ADHIKAR" NOT TO PUBLISH EDITORIALS

The Bombay representative of "Adhikar," Hindi daily of Lucknow writes:—"Due to restrictions and limitations imposed upon the expression of views, the Editors of "Adhikar", the Nationalist Hindi daily of Lucknow have decided not to make any editorial comments until better conditions prevail.

It may be recalled that "Adhikar" had stopped its editorials, in September 1939, when similar restrictions had been imposed."

ON THE AIR

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Geets. 5-15 Ishrat Begam. 5-30 Rag aur rang. 6-25 Jawabi Hamla. 6-30 Zohra Jamal. 6-45 Hirabai Barodekar 7 Light selection. 7-15 Between the Lines. 7-30 Ashima Banerji. 7-35 It has happened. 7-40 Asad Ali Khan. 8 To suit your taste. 8-15 For villagers only. 9-50 Shanta Apte. 10 Khayal aur Tarana. 10-15 Anu Rag.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Sheikh Lal Qawwal. 7-50 News in Hindustani. 8 News in English. 8-10 Khadim Husain. 8-40 G. S. Patankar. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Dinanath. 12-30 p.m. Bhajans. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Variety. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 Sheikh Lal Qawwal. 5-25 Dinanath. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 G. S. Patankar. 6 News in English. 6-10 Counter-attack. 6-15 News in Hindustani. 6-25 Local news and announcements. 6-30 Nana Ani Mani. 7 Dhol Ni Pol. 7-15 Saraswati Mane. 7-45 News commentary. 7-50 That Marwa in four aspects. 8-10 News in Marathi. 8-20 News in Gujarati. 8-30 Sports review. 8-45 Dot and Dash, talk in English by D. F. Karaka. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Listening post. 9-50 War review. 10 G. S... Patankar. 10-10 Dinanath. 10-20 Saraswati Mane.

Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-50 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 7-50 Punno Swami. 8 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Saraswati Mane. 9-10 to 9-30 As in Bombay 1.

12-30 to 2-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

5 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

7-30 p.m. Commercial news. 7-45 to 8-10 As in Bombay 1. 8-10 Khadim Husain. 8-30 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Air Orchestra. 9-10 Three bhavgeets. 9-20 Sheikh Lal Qawwal. 9-30 Mantzari Mavricakis. 9-40 Julia Wortmann. 9-55 Charlie Kunz and his Ballroom Orchestra. 10-35 Hilda Flanders.

Muslim Retail Grain Dealers

The Secretary B. P. Muslim League writes:—

Muslim League leaders, Khan Bahadur Hasan Ali P. Ibrahim, Mr. Aziz Gafoor Kazi, M. L. A., Maulana Fazlulah Khan and Mr. Mohammed Ali S. Maniar who waited upon the Director of Supply on Saturday to represent the difficulties of the Muslim retail grain-dealers in obtaining their requirements.

The Director of Supply showed willingness to help the Muslim retail grain dealers by acceding to their request to supply their requirements from the Government grain shops if they submitted the list of their requirements, provided their Association gave an undertaking not to join in "hartals" and to agree to sell at Government Controlled rates and not to sell an individual customer more than three pailis of any variety of grain at a time.

The Muslim Grain Dealers Association, it is learnt, has agreed to the terms and has given the undertaking not to take part in any of the lawless activity of the Congress or to join in any "hartal" organised in sympathy with it. They have also prepared a list of their monthly requirements which they will take delivery of in four weekly instalments. The list will be submitted on Monday along with an application signed by all the members of the Association.

MUSLIM AREA GRAIN DEALERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Officiating Secretary M. A. G. D. Committee writes:—

A meeting of the Grain Dealers of the Muslim Areas was held in the office of the Muslim Area Civil Defence Committee, on last Monday night (10th August 1942) with Khan Bahadur Mahomed Alli Allabux in the chair. After three hours discussion, it was decided to form Muslim Area Grain Dealers Association, with Mr. Mahomed Alli Shet as President, Mr. Abdul Kadar Ebrahim as Vice-President, Mr. Mahomedbhai Shet Gallawalla as Hon. Secretary and Mr. Mahomed Usman as Asst. Secretary.

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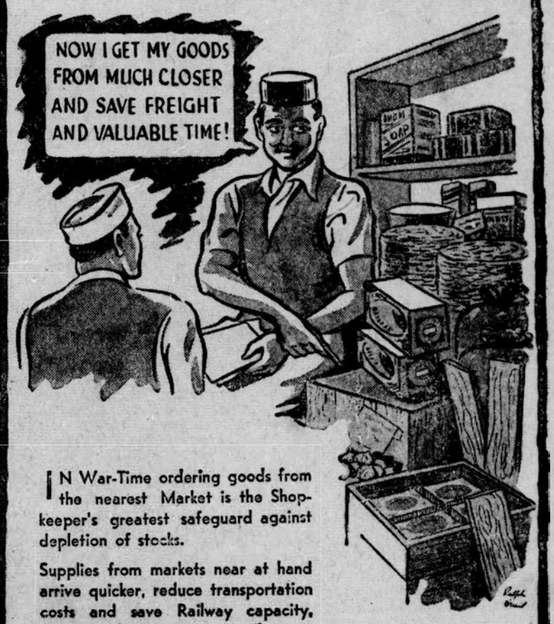

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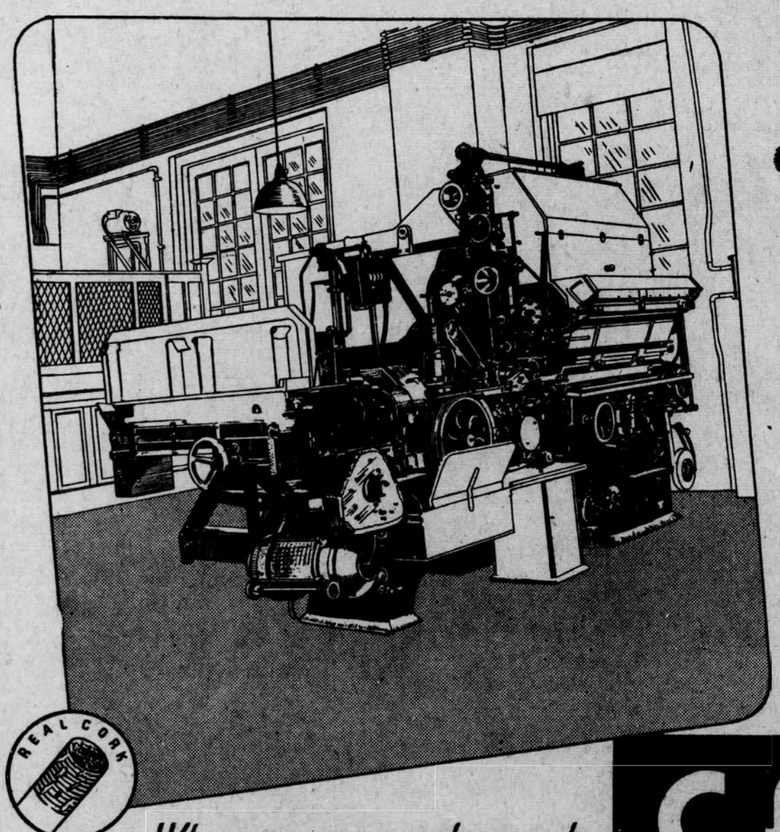

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LEAGUE'S OPPORTUNITY

The meeting of the Muslim League Working Committee, which is being held in the city, is of more than ordinary interest in view of the abnormal political situation in the country. If the Congress and the League had arrived at a settlement or had at least started negotiations before the A. I. C. C. meeting the decision of the meeting and its sequel might have been far different from what they have been. But the two bodies did not so much as meet together to discuss anything, though a whole afternoon was spent by the A. I. C. C. in discussing the importance of a communal settlement. Gandhiji contended that a settlement was impossible so long as the disturbing imperialist element was present, a position which is less convincing than his earlier view that there can be no Swaraj without Hindu-Muslim unity. Pandit Jawaharlal argued that it was futile to negotiate with the League as he felt it impossible, from his previous attempts, to know what precisely Mr. Jinnah wanted. The Congress President pointed out that he had himself tried more than once to open negotiations with the League but found the door banged against him. What with one thing or another, the Congress struggle began without one of the most important requisites of success.

The Task Before It

So long as the Congress leaders were free we urged them incessantly to take the initiative in opening negotiations with the League. We did so, in spite of the risk of being misunderstood, because the League had developed an inferiority complex from which Congress has always been free and because Congress, having undertaken a struggle, would be helping itself mightily if it could have a settlement with the League. But in the present circumstances when the Congress leaders are in jail, a settlement has become far more difficult but not impossible. Only, it now behoves the League to make a move with a helpful friendly gesture. The hope that the League may yet rise to the occasion is encouraged by the fact that several Muslim leaders are urging the League to adopt a more friendly attitude towards the Congress. This feeling is expressed by, among others, the new Muslim paper of Calcutta, the "Morning News", which urges the Working Committee of the League to "change and widen its outlook", to declare unhesitatingly that the Muslims are "deeply interested in the freedom of the land they live in." "An immediate transfer of power", it adds, "with details to be filled in as and when circumstances permit before or after the termination of hostility alone will be conducive to and create that psychology." The paper notes with regret that "to run down the Congress has become a fashion with our politicians; for it affords access to popularity and no problem can be solved unless it is put on a Hindu-Muslim background" and it warns the League that "the task before us to-day is to save India and thus to save ourselves from passing from one master to another". It is unfortunate the paper mars the effect of its own advice by making a silly remark in the course of its article that subservience is the "traditional attitude" of the Hindus.

An Appeal

According to the Indian Press Service, Mr. Jinnah had, on the eve of the League Cabinet's meeting, a talk with a Bombay Congress leader in the course of which he said that he would himself lead the movement for India's Indspendence and be the first to court imprisonment along with Mahatma Gandhi in the freedom struggle if the Congress arrived at an immediate settlement with the Muslim League. But he has done little these many months to respond to Congress efforts for negotiations. There can, however, never be "too late" in the history of a nation. To-day Mr. Jinnah and the League have a golden opportunity of serving the country, the Muslims and the cause of the Allied Nations. We may assure them that on the eve of their arrests the Congress leaders were most anxious to negotiate with the League and with that end in view they took steps which, in our view, substantially meet the League's demand for Pakistan. It is true the main resolution only referred to federation with the maximum autonomy for provinces including residuary powers. But this resolution has to be considered in conjunction with the letters of the President and Pundit Jawaharlal to Dr. Syed Abdul Lateef and the pronouncement of the former in the open session of the A. I. C. C. in regard to Maulana Hifzurrahman's resolution. The letters and the pronouncement made it as clear and definite as was possible that the acceptance of Pundit Jagatnarayan's resolution by the Allahbad meeting of the A. I. C. C. had made no difference to the Delhi resolution of the Working Committee, which was confirmed at Allahabad and which stood unmodified. The Delhi resolution commits the Congress not to coerce any territorial unit to remain in the Indian union if it did not want to do so. This we regard as conceding the substance of the demand for Pakistan. In this connection we commend the following remarks of Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar to the careful and sympathetic attention of the members of the Working Committee of the League: "The League can take it for granted that the right of self-determination for the federating units is agreed to by the Congress and that any such areas may choose to be sovereign and separate when the time comes and be bound with the rest of India only for the purposes of mutual defence against foreign aggression. I have tried hard to get from the Congress an explicit settlement of this question and admit that I have failed so far. But what has been denied in the terms I wanted is practically conceded in other terms. I do not want now to discuss the relative merits of explicit concessions and indirect admission. It is enough for me to say that what is wanted is there and no one can deny it." We appeal to the League not to be sticklers for words but, at this gravest moment in the history of the country, to have regard only for the spirit of conciliation with the League which prompted the leaders of the Congress and respond to the latter's gesture in the same spirit. The Congress has held out the hand of cooperation. Let the League grasp it firmly and in the words of Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar, "declare its readiness on this basis to cooperate with the Congress in the formation of a Provisional Government to take full responsibility for the governance of India and for the defence of the country." As we have said, a golden opportunity, has presented itself to the League. We pray that the League will rise to the full height of that opportunity and write a new and glorious chapter in the history of the country which generations not yet born of Hindus and Muslims and other Indians will read with gratitude and pride.

Kiska Operations

The United States Navy Department has given more details of the recent attack on Kiska by its task force. As had already been announced earlier, a cargo ship was sunk and a destroyer and two other cargo ships set on fire. The damage to shore installations also appears to have been considerable. So far the Aleutian adventure cost the Japanese fourteen naval units and eight other ships destroyed or damaged. It is clear that the occupation of Kiska and some other points has become, for the Japanese, a running sore. But its main danger is strategic and that can only be removed with the expulsion of the Japanese from the Aleutians What is more, it is necessary that they should be expelled soon. Kiska ought to be an Allied base not only for the sake of Russo-American communications but also to facilitate operations against Japan herself.

Meanwhile, what is happening in the Solomon Islands? Reports during the last week tended to corroborate the fear that the operations had met with resistance the strength and stubbornness of which was not expected and not provided for. Later the situation was reported to have improved and Friday's communique of the Navy Department was regarded as the most optimistic yet issued. It spoke of the satisfactory work of consolidating the positions won by the Marines and of naval forces now engaged in convoying supplies to the forces. There was, however, no report issued officially about the progress of operations on Saturday. Is it that the Japanese have succeeded in forcing a stalemate? The Japanese are determined desperately to resist the American offensive. And naturally so, because its success would have tremendous repercussions. But its faiure would have equally tremendous repercussions against the Allies. That is why the future struggle must be awaited with great anxiety.

Frankly Speaking

Von Bock's New Drive

The Russian situation continues to deteriorate although with less rapidity than before. Von Bock's southward drive has brought him to the foot of the Caucasus mountains half way to the Caspian in the east and not far from Novorossisk in the South. The progress of the move has slowed down but, as the Red Star itself warns, its impetus is by no means lost. The situation as regards the threat to Stalingrad is not so difficult. But it must be noted that the Germans have rather crawled forward at some points rather than being pushed. At best they may be said to have been held but the initiative rests with the Germans. Meanwhile, Von Bock is developing a new and equally seriously threat to the line of the Volga by attempting to drive south of Kotelnikovo due east to Astrakhan, the Caspian Sea port. The loss of Astrakhan will be as serious as that, for instance, of Stalingrad. But while the Russians can be trusted to resist this danger with the same magnificent and amazing stubbornness as they have displayed further north and in the Voronej area, it is obvious that the general situation is very grave. And, even though the Russians are not going to collapse, they will not be able to avoid a disastrous blow if left to fight alone during the next fifty days as Mr. Lyttleton so obviously suggests.

The Malta Convoy

The tragedy of missed opportunities in Libya is emphasised by the recent Malta convoy incident. The British had to send much-needed supplies to the island fortress strongly escorted by aircraft carriers and heavy units of the Navy. They anticipated fierce and concentrated opposition and heavy losses. The anticipation was realised. These risks and losses have become unavoidable because the north African coast in the central Mediterranean is also in Axis hands. As for the operations, they were, of course, necessary. Malta, as a striking base in any offensive operations against the Axis, is still only remotely relevant. Its immediate value lies in the fact that it is a defensive thorn in the Axis flesh. And this value is so great that the risks taken were justified. What proportion of the supplies reached the fortress is naturally not known. But if they are sufficient to keep Malta going for, say, another sixty days, the venture, however costly—it may be that, even apart from loss of supply ships, the British fleet may have suffered more damage than the sinking of the "Eagle" and the "Manchester"—should be regarded as a success.

Mahadeo Desai

The sudden death of Mahadev Desai has shocked India. The circumstances in which his death took place must add to the sorrow felt by all who had come in touch with him and who knew what great service he rendered to the country by serving Gandhiji with a devotion unsurpassed by any and an efficiency all his own. As Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar truly says, Mahadev Desai "was something like a spare body that worked for Gandhiji whenever his own took a little rest and Gandhiji is truly left orphaned." The loss to Gandhiji and to the widow and son of the deceased patriot is irreparable. But they have this consolation that the country shares their sorrow over it.

Kerosene Famine

The manner in which kerosene is sold in the city has been scandalous for weeks past, and this may soon give rise to serious trouble if something is not done speedily to avert it. Go where you will, you find long queues of men, women and children waiting for long hours at the all too few shops or centres visited by hawkers and after all the waiting they may not get a drop of the oil. Complaints are coming in that the shop-keepers and in some cases even the policemen managing the crowds, instead of seeing that customers are served in the order they stand in the queues, use discrimination on frivolous pretexts, and on such occasions the aggrieved persons cannot be easily restrained. Government only complain that the queues are inflated by hoarders and uncertified dishonest retailers and ask people not to use kerosene for cooking. But we should like to know what steps they are taking to ensure the supply of the oil to those who need it only for lighting. We should like to know also if more kerosene cannot be imported into the city and hawked by a large number of hawkers only to those who do not use electric lights. Some rationing system must be speedily devised by which the oil is supplied only to those who need it for lighting. This can be appreciably facilitated if Government encourage the use of charcoal for cooking by making it easily available at the lowest possible price and by charging a high price for weekly rations beyond the quantity necessary for lighting purposes

Wanted More Government Shops

For some weeks past it has become extremely difficult to obtain rice and other food grains even at Government grain shops, and long queues are now conspicuous at all these shops. This is because the supplies available are limited, the Government shops are too few, and many retailers have ceased to supply certain food grains because they say they fail to get supplies from the wholesalers at control prices. This is a more serious matter still and it will be wise for Government to increase considerably the number of their grain shops and help the retailers in their difficulties.

M.P.'S MUST SEND DELEGATION TO INDIAN LEADERS

SAPRU SAYS INTERMEDIARIES CAN'T HELP TO SOLVE DEADLOCK: GOVT. MUST TAKE SWIFT DECISION IN POLITICAL FIELD

"There is not now, in my judgment, much time for a Conference to be called to discuss the situation. "The time, however, is overripe for decisions and swift decisions in the political field.

Thus and thus alone can the psychology of the people be changed and the forces of Law and Order restored and strengthened.

"This is the time of constructive statesmanship with some imagination and courage", says Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru in the course of a statement on the present political situation in India.

ALLAHABAD, Aug. 15.

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru in a statement says:—

I returned here on the 12th of August after an absence of over a month. On my way back I stayed for a day at Lucknow. It was not until I reached Lucknow or Allahabad that I was able to have some idea of the nature and extent of the trouble that has arisen in the country.

I do not wish to say anything which may exacerbate feeling on any side at this hour of crisis in our history. I was anxious that before any final decisions were taken at Bombay there should be a conference of all parties, and that Government should not be a passive spectator of it, but actively support the movement. I deeply regret that those who could effectively respond to this suggestion thought otherwise.

HOOLIGANISM MUST END.

Similarly, it is to me a matter of great regret that New Delhi, which might have shown some imagination and courage in inviting a conference, did not do it. Perhaps it was a race against time. Nevertheless, the fact is that ordinary civil life is being seriously interrupted and hooliganism is rampant at so many places. There has already been much regrettable loss of life.

Any Government, be it foreign or national, would feel itself called upon to take steps to restore order

It is, however, quite obvious that when there is a situation like this, things do happen and are bound to happen which would not be tolerated in ordinary life. But the problem of Law and Order cannot, in my opinion, be effectively dealt with in the existing circumstances merely by resorting to stern steps or using threatening language on either side, nor can it do good to any one either to exaggerate or to underrate the gravity of the situation.

Taking things as they have happened and are happening without exaggerating or underrating them, I think in all conscience that they are very serious and even though strong steps may lead to the suppression of the mischief that is being done at the present moment, I do not think that the bitterness and anger produced for the time being can be easily eradicated from the minds of the people.

The Magistrate, the police and the military have their functions to perform, but statesmanship has also its responsibility to discharge.

M.P.'S MUST SEND DELEGATION.

To the meanest intellect it had been abundantly plain during the last four or five months that the situation in India was rapidly deteriorating. I suggest that simultaneously with the resort to legal powers for the restoration of order and the preservation of peace in the country, constructive steps should be taken without loss of time. Members of Parliament cannot divest themselves of their responsibility. They must wake up and not allow themselves to be lulled into a false sense of security. It is doing no good either to this country or to England to tell everybody in England that the situation in India is not an anxious one.

This country must be saved from those calamities which are certain to overtake it in the footsteps of all that is happening at present.

Indeed, it is up to Parliament to send immediately a delegation to India to talk to leaders.

In my opinion things have not gone yet so far that mutual discussions with broadminded members of Parliament can be ruled out as impossible—impossible either on the ground of prestige or on the ground that they will be evidence of weakness.

NO INTERMEDIARY CAN SUCCEED.

I have very carefully considered in light of the last five days' happenings as to whether it will serve any useful purpose at this stage for anyone not belonging to the two big political parties in India to act as an intermediary between them and the Government. I am not by any means hopeful of a step like this leading to any fruitful result. No intermediary can succeed unless he has the authority to speak on behalf of the Government.

The position of non-Congressmen has been, I am bound to say so, considerably weakened by the refusal of the authorities to listen to their advice in time either because they were supposed to be amiable theorists or because they had no large followings.

PLEA FOR SWIFT DECISION.

I have given this warning repeatedly, and I do give it once again. Overshadowing everything else is the danger from the enemy, who is alert and follows events in India from day to day and is carrying on propaganda by radio which is apt to still further inflame the popular mind.

There is not now, in my judgment, much time for a conference to be called to discuss the situation.

The time, however, is overripe for decisions and swift decisions in the political field. Thus and thus alone can the psychology of the people be changed and the forces of Law and Order restored and strengthened.

This is the time for constructive statesmanship with some imagination and courage.

On our side we cannot in the name of freedom and patriotism directly or indirectly allow hooliganism, which has been so rightly denounced by Mr. Rajagopalachari to Goondas playing havoc with the life of the country.—A. P.

Amery's Broadcast

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—In his broadcast to the American people the other day Mr. Amery has said that the 95 millions of Musalmans will resent the rule of "a group of Indian politicians", viz., the Congress. This has been repeated a him times out of number. This is perhaps, the reason why the responsible leaders of the Congress have openly declared that the Congress will agree to the rule of the Muslim League if real powers are transferred to it. But now the "Times of India" comes out with the following gem in its issue dated the 10th instant:—

"The suggestion that power should be handed over to the Muslims was not only unpractical but scandalous; the Congress has no right to place the majority community in a position of this kind."

Now it is open to Mr. Amery to use this argument as well which has been advanced by the "Times of India" and say: Just as the Musalmans cannot be placed under the rule of the Hindu majority, similarly the Hindus cannot be placed under the rule of the Muslim minority, and, therefore, the only solution possible is the continuation of the present regime in all its glory. —Yours, etc.,

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Govt. Grain Shop For Mahim

To The Editor of 'The Chronicle."

Sir,—"The residents of Mahim have at present to go all the way to Dadar to get at a Government grain shop. It is, therefore, high time that a shop was opened at Mahim, preferably at the junction of the Lady Jamshedji Road and Mori Road".—Yours etc.

GEORGE PARAMEL.

LATE MAHADEO DESAI

Viceroy's Executive Councillor's Tribute

NEW DELHI, Aug. 16.

The Hon. Sir J. P. Srivastava, Civil Defence Member, Viceroy's Executive Council says:—

"The news of the sudden death of Sjt. Mahadeo Desai has come as a great shock to me as it should have done to all those who know him. The late Mr. Desai was the conscience keeper of Mahatma Gandhi and was his most devoted worker and friend. Mr. Desai was a thorough gentleman and had friends among all sections of Indians. His death is an irreparable loss to Mahatmaji and the country. My sympathy goes out to the bereaved family. May his soul rest in peace".—A. P.

Heavy Blow To Mahatma, Says "C. R."

MADRAS, Aug. 16.

Interviewed on the death of Mr. Mahadev Desai, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari said:—For all those who have enjoyed the privilege of intimacy with Gandhiji, it is a tragedy that casts a gloom beyond words. It is a heavy blow for Mahatmaji, heavier even than what it is to the loving wife and boy left behind. What Mahadev was to Gandhiji cannot be described. He was something like a spare body that worked for him whenever his own took a little rest. Gandhiji is left truly orphaned. Mahadev was not only Gandhiji's Secretary and perfect sound box; he was a tower of strength to those whose love for Gandhiji did not prevent earnest battle with him sometimes. He often helped in modifying and shaping conclusions in some of the most important matters dealt with by his master. But the candle is blown out now for ever. —A. P.

ARYA SAMAJ'S CONDOLENCE

The Managing Committee of the Bombay Arya Samaj passed a resolution on Sunday condoling at the Arya Samaj Mandir Vithalbhai Patel Rd. Bombay 4, on the death of Sri Mahadeo Desai.

Mahadev Desai

A Tribute

(By VAIKUNTH L. MEHTA)

To know Mahadev Desai was to love him. And the number of those who came to know Mahadevbhai was nearly the same as those who sought the privilege of some contact with Mahatma Gandhi. All those will have carried away the impress on their minds of a striking and affectionate personality. A personality contact with whom was a pleasure and an education by itself. During the last quarter of a century Gandhiji has not only enabled the nation as a whole to grow in stature but has assisted individuals to develop personalities that shed lustre on the nation. Among such individuals Mahadevbhai stands, in a sense, supreme. It is only because of his self-effacement that he did not come to occupy a more prominent place officially in the counsels of the nation for which he was eminently fitted by reason of his abilities his attainments and his prolonged training under Gandhiji. Mahadevbhai in having chosen the path of service as the trusted companion and confidant of Gandhiji. The usual description applied publicly to Mahadevbhai was that of Secretary to Gandhiji. All his life and particularly during the latter years he was, however, much more to Gandhiji than a Secretary. He became, so far as his own sense of modesty would permit, a counsellor and a colleague, a day to day biographer, and, if one may say so, the likely inheritor of Gandhiji's spiritual estate. So extensive has been Gandhiji's influence and withal so deep—with those who came intimately in contact with him, that several among his adherents can expound to the public with authority the basic concepts of his creed of truth and non-violence and their application to our social, economic and political life. To name a few Vinobaji Bhave, Kishorilalbhai Mashruwala, Kakasaheb Kalelkar and Rajaji, all can bring out in their speeches and writings the core of Gandhiji's social philosophy in its application to various aspects of our life. Mahadevbhai could perform the task even with greater facility as it was his good fortune to be all the time with Gandhiji and thus to have an insight into the working of Gandhiji's mind. India knows well how admirably he rose to the height of his opportunities, how thoroughly he identified himself zealously and ardently with every cause that Gandhiji made his own. The discourses and the discussions and the speeches acquired in the process of narration by Mahadevbhai an added value and flavour which enhanced their attractiveness in the eyes of the public.

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Mahadevbhai was both a literary artist and a philosopher. He could write with equal facility in Gujarati, Hindusthani and English; and he knew, besides, Marathi, Urdu, Bengali and French at least among other languages. He was a voracious reader and even when doing his daily round of work with Gandhiji whether at Sabarmati or Sevagram, in jails or detention camps, in nuts or palaces, in carts or express trains he used to snatch time to read all manner of books in the English and other languages. He had in him the making of a savant but a savant would have been a social waste in the India of to-day whereas Mahadevbhai served the nation by his devotion, self-sacrifice and self-effacement as few are privileged to do. But the magnitude of his service to the cause of the country need not put in the shade the debt that the community owes to Mahadevbhai as a literary figure of the first order, who has enriched by his writings the literary tradition of his province in particular and of India in general. A literary artist Mahadevbhai would have become, whether life had brought him in association with Gandhiji or not. But rich as was his own store of personal worth when Mahadevbhai joined Gandhiji at the age of 25, he added immensely to it during the course of the quarter of a century that he lived and worked with Gandhiji.

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A student of philosophy during his academic career Mahadevbhai was well versed in modern and ancient philosophical thought. During his stay with Gandhiji and the long periods of imprisonment he underwent, Mahadevbhai had the opportunity to read, to think and also to feel. He applied himself to the study of the Gita and it is a misfortune that the exposition of the Gita that he had completed could not be put through the press before the present shortage of paper prevented its early publication. But Mahadevbhai was never an academy philosopher. He believed in living the life of a Sthita Pragnya as he had understood it, the philosophy of non-attachment in as complete a form as he could practise it. The non-attachment he practised was that of a fully responsible individual and it is this sense of responsibility that led him to participate actively in the country's struggles for freedom. But even in struggles like this in which he joined in the past, Mahadevbhai, like his great 'guru', always exhibited love and understanding. Let his sudden and tragic disappearance from life teach us again to renew our faith in the same philosophy that inspired Mahadevbhai throughout his life. Peace, toleration and charity, the essence of that teaching, were never more needed in India and in the world than at the moment when Mahadevbhai has been taken away from our midst.

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His struggles with poverty in early life went to the moulding of Mahadevbhai's character. But he was never embittered by these experiences even in his early days but he was ever responsive to affection; ready to make friends and to maintain friendships. And this trait characterized him throughout his life. Among Gandhiji's numerous co-adjutors there were few who enjoyed so many friendships in all ranks of society and among persons of all castes, creeds and colours. To those who had the privilege of knowing him intimately he was a most loving and considerate friend and if any fault can be found with him it was that he was carried away by his sense of affection even to the point of partiality. Few outside his circle of intimate associates knew that he was a devoted husband and a loving father Stunning as is his loss to his companion in life Durgabai and to her young hopeful, Narayan, it may assuage their sense of grief, to some extent, to know that it is shared by hundreds if not thousands of Mahadevbhai's friends and admirers.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

LONDON, Aug. 14.

Who is going to pay for war damage in the British Colonies? asks Mr. L. D. Gammans, M.P., in a letter to "The Times" to-day. ....."The only sound plan I can envisage is an Empire-wide war damage insurance scheme, whereby those Colonies and Protectorates which have not been attacked can help to carry the burden of those which have."—Reuter.

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Friday's Pacific War Council at the White House is reported to have discussed the situation in India.

But didn't the "representative" of India get up at the very outset and say that there was no "situation" in India?

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Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru has declined to act as an intermediary because none can succeed unless he has the authority of the Government.

That ought to please Sir C. P. He gets another congenial provocation for issuing a statement.

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The Indian Press Service attributes to Mr. Jinnah a declaration that under certain conditions he would himself lead the movement for India's Independence.

Er—er—let's leave it at that for the present.

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The Calcutta "Statesman" expresses the opinion that Mr. Jinnah has it in his power to give India peace....

We hope the paper doesn't insinuate that Mr. Jinnah is responsible for the absence of peace.

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In response to the unanimous request of the Provincial organisations, Mr. V. D. Savarkar has decided not to resign from the Presidentship of the Hindu Mahasabha on grounds of ill-health.

So all is well.

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Don Elbow As Firm As Ever
—Headline.

More power to it.

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The latest "war correspondent" report is that the United States Army Air Force is now ready to bomb Germany and occupied Europe.

But, of course, there is the necessary second and third warning yet to be given at intervals of, say, four weeks.

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Reuter's Middle East correspondent reports that Rommel is grumbling at the quality of his new tank crews.

Are they going to begin it again? No, not the panzers, we mean the expert correspondents and observers.

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Marshal Petain has broadcast to the French youth that "the soul of France will rise again."

Provided the old man means this assurance as a guarantee against himself.

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"Your wife is a very systematic woman, isn't she?"

"Very. She works on the theory that you can find whatever you want when you don't want it, by looking where it wouldn't be if you did want it."

Testing Time For Muslim League

C. R.'s Call For Swift Patriotic Drive

A. I. C. C. HAS CONCEDED WHAT WAS DEMANDED

(From Our Correspondent).

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) Aug. 16.

"Your condemnation of Mahatma Gandhi is quite unjustified says Maulana Hasrat Mohani, a leading member of the Muslim League in the course of a telegram to Mr. Jinnah on the eve of the meeting of the Working Committee of the League at Bombay.

He says: "Gandhiji opposed to Pakistan Dominion as agreed between you and Rajaji, not to Free Pakistan as envisaged in my scheme of the Union of Federal Republics of India which I wanted to put before Allahabad League's Session and formally submitted to the Viceroy through Mr Hancox, Collector of Cawnpore.

Even the latest Congress Committee's resolution approves Federal Constitution with the largest measure of autonomy and residuary powers for the federating units. Please mark the use of the word Units instead of Provinces, probably implying five Federal or Zonal units including two Pakistan Republics of Eastern and Western Hindustan.

Please place my views before the League's Working Committee tomorrow. Hope, the League will modify its attitude regarding Mahatmaji's movement for Independence as distinct from methods of achieving the same for which we may adopt a policy of benevolent neutrality.

C. R.'S TIP TO JINNAH

MADRAS, Aug. 15.

On the eve of the meeting of the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League at Bombay, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari in a statement appeals to Mr. M. A. Jinnah to find a solution for the present impasse.

Mr. Rajagopalachari says: To err is human and there can be no difficulty in finding out the faults of others or in condemning them in strong terms. It is much more difficult to find a way to compose differences, but therein alone lies hope for this country. What community can be happy or proud under the present conditions? It is not only the Congress but Muslims too that continue in humiliation and danger. The Congress is in prison, with a feeling perhaps that it has done all it could. But the responsibility of the League, which is not in prison, is for that reason all the greater.

SAVE THE COUNTRY.

The Muslim League may take it for granted that there are faults on both sides but must find a way to save the country from the triple curse that hangs over it—internal disorder, foreign rule and rapidly approaching external aggression. The Quaid-e-Azam cannot be oblivious of the growing demand, even among his own people, for the immediate enforcement of a practical solution. A Provisional Government can and must be formed which can truly claim to speak on behalf of the whole nation and which can peremptorily demand of Britain the transfer of full power, making it impossible for any false plea or procrastination to be made on the part of British imperialism.

The Muslim League stands quite as much as the Congress does for the complete termination of British power in India. The League can take it for granted that the right of self-determination for the Federating units is agreed to by the Congress and that any such areas may choose to be sovereign and separate when the time comes, and be bound with the rest of India only for the purposes of mutual defence against foreign aggression. I have tried hard to get from the Congress an explicit settlement of this question and admit that I have failed so far. But what has been denied in the terms I wanted is practically conceded in other terms, I do not want now to discuss the relative merits of explicit concession and indirect admission. It is enough for me to say that what is wanted is there and no one can deny it.

The League can declare its readiness on this basis, to co-operate with the Congress in the formation of a Provisional government to take full responsibility for the Governance of India and for the defence of the country.

TIP TO LEAGUE.

A swift patriotic drive is what is wanted now to save the country from disorder.

The League should proceed to nominate its representatives to serve on that Government and declare how many others may be nominated by the Congress and ask the British Government forthwith to accept the scheme and put it in action. If the Congress or the British fail let the blame be theirs.

It would be a noble and glorious thing for the League to take the initiative on these lines and once for all wipe out the page of misunderstanding and start the chapter of full-fledged freedom of India.—A. P.

Abdul Latif Supports "C. R."

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) Aug. 16.

On his attention being drawn to Mr. Rajagopalachari's statement appealing to Mr. Jinnah to show his readiness to compose his differences with the Congress and form a Provisional Government with Congress co-operation, Dr. Syed Abdul Latif said he was in full agreement with his (C.R.'s) proposal.

There is no better man available now than Mr. Rajagopalachari to negotiate between League and Congress.

The Doctor hoped League's Working Committee would give its earnest consideration to what he has suggested.

UNFAIR CRITICISM OF CONGRESS

(From Our Correspondent.)

HYDERABAD, August 16.

In a statement to the press Dr. Syed Abdul Latif refutes Mr. Jinnah's insinuations against Congress leaders and explains the circumstances which led to the correspondence between himself and the Congress President, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru regarding the question of self-determination for Muslims in India. Dr. Latif says:—

"Mr. Jinnah's review of the correspondence between me on the one hand and the President of the Congress and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on the other is unfair both to me and to the Congress leaders concerned. Since the latter are not free to answer Mr. Jinnah and since the responsibility for opening the correspondence is entirely mine, it becomes my duty to explain the back-ground of that correspondence.

Ever since Mr. Jagat Narainlal's resolution was adopted by the A. I. C. C. in May last at Allahabad, Mr. Jinnah and his lieutenants have gone on stressing that the resolution has banged the door against any "rapprochement" between the League and Congress. Their argument has been that the resolution sets aside the resolution of the Congress Working Committee passed in Delhi wherein the Muslim Areas was held in the the right to self determination for units of the Indian Federation had been recognised and thus debars the Muslim League from discussing 'Pakistan' as basis for a settlement with the Congress.

I, however, held a different view. So when I was in Bombay at the time of the last A. I. C. C. meeting I found an occasion to discuss the point with Congress President and several members of the Congress Working Committee, including Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. My object was to gind out whether Babu Jagatnarain's resolution really stood in the way of the Congress and League coming together. I was assured that it did not, whereupon I asked them to make an announcement to that effect, so that the path for negotiations between the League and the Congress might be smoothed. The letters which in consequence were exchanged for publication between me and the Congress President, Moulana Azad, and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, have grievously displeased Mr. Jinnah.

It looks as if he did not like the issue to be clarified. It is all "pre-arranged correspondence" he says. But what else is such correspondence as should be clear to him from his own personal experience and how does it on that account lessen the value of clarification it affords? The letters of the Congress President and Panditji, adds Mr. Jinnah, "are most contradictory, disingenous, dubious and misleading" and are intended to intensify "sinister propaganda in which the Congress seems to have specialised." Argument falls when one is confronted with such imposing array of epithets.

I am afraid that Mr. Jinnah reads too much into these letters. To me, however, they appear simple and straightforward in expression. While the letter of the Congress President gives the "authoritative ruling" that the Delhi resolution is not anulled by Mr. Jagat Narain's resolution or is affected in any manner by it, Pandit Nehru's letter emphasises that in spite of his personal views in the matter and of the general policy of the Congress, he and other members of the Working Committee adopted the Delhi resolution making it "perfectly clear that if any territorial unit was emphatically and clearly of opinion that it should break away from the Indian Union, it should not be compelled to act contrary to its wishes." Such being the clear exposition of the point at issue, is it fair to maintain that the door is still banged against a settlement?

Mr. Jinnah has a further argument to advance. He says that the A.I.C.C. by envisaging a Federal Constitution for India in its resolution adopted at its last Bombay session on August 8 "has ruled out of order their demand for Pakistan." Where does he get this idea from? The Bombay resolution does not suggest or state it. Indeed, how can it do so, as long as the Delhi resolution stands and on which Mr. Jinnah can always fall back for his Pakistan? that resolution concedes the right of self-determination to Muslims whatever the constitutional form of the future Indian Union. Arguments such as these only go to confirm the view held by the Congressites that Mr. Jinnah is never serious about a settlement with the Congress. For ought I can say it is clear to my mind from my talks with its leaders that the Congress on its part appeared sincerely anxious to settle its differences with the League. Who can say that with the outstanding differences composed, the Congress and the League would not jointly have undertaken the defence of the country by forming an interim popular Government even within the framework of the existing Constitution if nothing better was possible during the duration of the war?

In fact it was contemplated that the Secretary of the Congress should address a formal letter of the Secretary of the League for opening negotiations at an early date. Now that the Congress has left the scene, what is the path that the League will pursue to improve the political situation in the ccuntry? That is the question uppermost in every mind. Will that body still continue to sit on the fence or will it attempt to redeem its name for constructive statesmanship? Its future depends on the decision it reaches at this grave hour.

DR. GOPICHAND ARRESTED

LAHORE, Aug. 16.

Dr. Gopichand Bhargava, former leader of the Congress Party in the Punjab Assembly, was arrested in Lahore to-day under the Defence of India Rules.

Mulkhraj, Dr. Bhargava's Private Secretary, and two Congress workers have also been arrested.—A. P.

NEW YORK COTTON.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.

	TO-DAY'S CLOSING.
October,	18.01
December,	19.18
January,	18.22
Middling Spot	19.34

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

NEW YORK, Aug 15

October	18.20
December,	18.36
January	18.42
Middling Spot,	18.40

ENGINE AND WAGON DERAILED

(Continued From Page 1)

pulled down by the crowd this morning.

Several persons have been arrested in connection with the incident in the Munsiff's Court in the morning. The work in the civil courts remain suspended.

Military police are now patrolling the affected areas.—A.P.

Lathi Charge And Firing

CALCUTTA: The situation which was rather quiet throughout the day however deteriorated in the evening when demonstrators appeared in groups on some of the main thoroughfares in North Calcutta. One of the crowds on Cornwallis Street, near the Vidyasagar Hostel, assumed a violent attitude when the police had to make a lathi-charge and also to open fire to disperse them.

Another disorderly crowd gathered in front of the Atibagan market in Shambazaar and had to be dispersed by lathi charge. The police also arrested three persons here from a roadside sweetmeat shop. Nine persons are reported to have been removed to hospital with injuries. Seven more Congress workers were arrested towards the evening under the Defence of India Rules, bringing the total number of such arrests during the day to 17. Some more people were also arrested in connection with the city's disturbances by officers of various police stations.

B. P. C. C. OFFICE SEARCHED

Several places were also searched by the Special Branch Police, to-day, including the office of the Calcutta Civil Defence Committee of the B. P. C. C. from where the police seized certain papers.—A. P.

19 Congressmen Arrested In Assam

GAUHATI, Aug. 16.

So far 19 Congressmen of Assam are reported to have been arrested under the Defence of India Rules.

A report from Nowgong states that there were demonstrations and partial "hartal" in the town as a protest against the arrest of Congress leaders.—A. P.

40 Yards Of P. W. Removed On M. S. M. Ry.

MADRAS, Aug. 16.

It is reported that the engine of a goods train running between Guntakal and Mandikari stations of the Guntakal Bezwada section of the S. M. Railway went off the rail last night, on account of the rails having been removed. A wagon next to the engine was also derailed. The crew of the train received slight injuries. It was discovered that 40 yards of permanent way had been removed blocking the line completely.—A. P.

NIGHT RUNNING AVOIDED

MADRAS: Through booking of passengers to Calcutta has been resumed. The Calcuta Mail and the Puri Passenger will leave Madras this afternoon to the scheduled time but halt at Batrigunda for the night and will proceed onwards to-morrow morning. Night running is avoided on the disturbed area as a measure of precaution.

A special train conveying passengers to Madras from Upper India held up at Bezwada arrived early this morning via Guntakal.

THROUGH TRAINS CANCELLED

On the South Indian Railway through trains from Madras to west coast and Mettupalayam are cancelled to-day also as obstructions to the permanent way caused by the derailment of a goods train beyond Tiruppur has not yet been removed. Through running is not expected on the line beyond Tiruppur before to-morrow evening. A combined train will run this evening from Madras up to Tiruppur only as yesterday.—A. P.

10 CASUALTIES DUE TO FIRING

MADURA: Three persons were killed and seven others injured when the police opened fire to disperse an unruly mob near the west gate in Madura City. Hooliganism pevailed in the city following the arrest of four persons who had defied an order under Section 144. After the police firing the situation eased towards noon.

The City Magistrate, Madura, has promulgated an order asking people to remain indoors between 7 p. m. and 5-30 a. m. The order will be in force till August 24, in the Madura Municipal area and within a radius of three miles thereof.—A. P.

Appeal To Jinnah For Unity

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.

Mr. J. J Singh, President of the India League of America and ex-member of the A.I.C.C. has sent a cable to Mr. Jinnah, President of the Muslim League on the occasion of to-day's (Sunday's) meeting of the League, urging unity to defeat the Axis. The cable reads "This is an appeal from your countrymen abroad. To-day's Muslim League meeting will go down in history. You can help bring the peace and freedom or bloodshed to India. Beg you to help create unity to defeat the Axis."—Reuter.

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Jinnah's Assurance To Congress

"WILL LEAD MOVEMENT FOR FREEDOM IF THEY COME TO SETTLEMENT WITH LEAGUE"

BOMBAY, Aug. 16.

A declaration that he would nimself lead the movement for India's Independence and be the first to court imprisonment along with Mahatma Gandhi in the freedom struggle if the Congress arrives at an immediate settlement with the Muslim League thereby achieving a lasting Hindu-Muslim Unity, was made by Mr. M. A. Jinnah to a Bombay Congress Leader in the course of a discussion on the present political situation in the country.

Mr. Jinnah reiterated that the Muslim League was for immed ate Independence but the Congress stood in the way. He felt that unity alone was the 'sine qua non' of success of any movement for India's Independence. That Unity was possible only when the Congress agreed to the Muslim League's demand of Pakistan.

Mr. Jinnah went on: "When once the unity is achieved, the Muslims will join the Congress in the demand for complete Independence. Britain cannot deny it. We would get it in 24 hours. Otherwise you can find me, along with other Muslim leaders, in the vanguard of the Freedom Movement".

However, Mr. Jinnah said that he would agree to a proviso that the decision on the Pakistan issue be registered by a plebiscite of the Indian Muslims at the time of constitution making.

"But, let the Congress declare in clear and certain terms as above and remove the suspicion of Muslims".

"I am not for the Muslim or Hindu capitalists to make a few more lakhs. I am definitely for the economic betterment of the masses, be they Hindus or Muslims. This is not possible at the moment without Hindu-Muslim Unity," concluded Mr. Jinnah.

Mr. Jinnah also paid a glowing tribute to Mr. Rajagopalachari for his courage of conviction and realistic approach to the problem. "Mr. Rajagopalachari has served the Congress for over a decade and his loyalty to the Congress to that body cannot be questioned. But his loyalty to Gandhiji is much more."—India Press Service.

LEAGUE EXECUTIVE MEETS

BOMBAY, Sunday.

The Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League held a brief sitting at the residence of Mr. M. A. Jinnah this morning.

As the members from Assam, Bengal, Delhi and the North-West Frontier have not yet arrived the Committee adjourned its meeting to Monday.

It is understood, however, that Mr. Jinnah explained his view of the present political situation. Members joined in an informal discussion.

Those present included Mr. M. A. Jinnah, Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan, Mr. Hassan Ispahani, Nawab Mahommed Ismail Khan, Chowdhry Khaliquzzaman, Raja Mohammed Amir Ahmed Khan of Mahmudabad, Nawab Iftikar Hussain Khan of Mamdot Sheik Karamat Ali, Qazi Mahomed Isa, Mr. G. M. Syed, Khan Bahadur Khorro, Sir Currimbhay Ebrahim and Haji Abdus Sattar Haji Ishaq Seth.

"BRITISH ALLY" IN RUSSIA

First Foreign Publication Since Revolution

KUIBYSHEV, Aug. 15.

"Do you suppose this means it is coming soon" asked a Soviet citizen as he pointed to pictures in "Britanski Sovuznik." (Weekly produced in Russia the first issue of which appeared in Kisks to-day.) The pictures were of commandos carrying out landing exercises. The "it" in the question was naturally the second front a subject which is always present in the minds of the Soviet people though their determination to carry on the allout fight against Hitler is now, if anything, stronger than it was only a fortnight ago.

The eight-page Weekly, the editor of which is Mr. Lawrence, the press Attache to the British Embassy is the first foreign publication in Russia to be sold to the public in the Soviet Union since the revolution. It opens with a photograph of Mr. Churchill and a quotation from one of his speeches and has messages from Mr. Eden, Mr. Bracken, Sir Dudley Pound and Mr. Arthur Harris.—Reuter.

CHINESE AMONG INDIA'S DEFENDERS

NEW DELHI, Aug. 15.

Side by side with the British and Indian troops, representatives of the gallant Chinese Army are encamped in picturesque country, writes an Indian Army observer, who has just completed a tour of north-east India. All the men fought in Burma, and under their 42-year-old Commander Lt.-Gen. L. J. Sun, they are preparing through an intensive training programme, for the day when they can once again get to grips with the Japanese.

On the tour I was driven by a Chinese Sergeant who had piloted a tank during the Burma battles, and I asked him if he had killed any Japanese.

"Twenty-six in May," he replied, with the pride of an expert ledger-keeper. "But, of course that is only a beginning."

For three days at Yenangyaung these tough Chinese troops fought without food or water to help encircled British soldiers break through the enemy ring.—A.P.

U. S. Army In Australia

NEW YORK, August 15.

The United Nations' Army in Australia is, it is stated, being steadily reinforced by air. The United States-Australian Ferry Command is reported to be operating on a scale far greater than that of all American commercial air lines combined. This means a steady and high-speed flow of goods to Australia including more bombers to power to the current offensive against the Japanese.—Reuter.

"HITLER'S MASTER SPY IN U.S."

ACTIVITIES OF HUGE SABOTAGE RING

Congressman's Disclosure To Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, August 16.

The Chairman of the Special House of Representatives Committee on un-American activities, Congressman Dies, on Saturday sent President Roosevelt a document which he said disclosed efforts by the German High Command to establish "A Huge Sabotage Ring" in America with Headquarters at Chicago and also list of approximately 17,000 persons who, he said had been members of, or otherwise sympathetically affiliated with German organisations which have supported the Nazi cause in the United States.

Mr. Dies said that the document written in Germany in 1941 "emanated from Walter Kappe who is now being sought as Hitler's master spy in the United States." —Reuter.

WORLD'S EIGHTH WONDER!

SYDNEY, Aug. 15.

Sir Earle Page who arrived here to-day from Britain where he had been Australia's special representative said, "When our position was desperate a few months ago, Britain was prepared to tear guns out of their emplacements and send them to us."

Referring to the "amazing development in British ship-building", Sir Earle Page said, "it has become the eighth wonder of the world. Vessels are being launched 30 days after their keels have been laid down and they are ready for service soon after." Sir Earle declared that Australia's voice was now fully heard in the Pacific Council.—Reuter.

PARTNERS TO POST-WAR PEACE CONFERENCE

EDINBURGH, August 15.

A plea that "those peacefully inclined of the Far-Eastern people who comprise about half of the mankind" should be admitted as partners to Post-war Peace Conference was made by Doctor H. J. Van Mook, Netherland's Minister for the Colonies speaking at Edinburgh to-night.

It is of vital importance to the world that after the victory shall be won and peace shall be restored, the Far East shall cease to be a distant and more or less an accessory part of it." He said "I have not touched upon its significance as a source of raw materials nor on its importance as a link in the world of transport. But even as a part from those economic factors, it must be clear that the future will greatly depend on possibility of admitting as partners to the Round Table where that future must be discussed among those peacefully inclined Far Eastern people who comprise about half of mankind.—Reuter.

INFLATION PROBLEM

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.

Judge Samuel Rosenham who was recently directed by President Roosevelt to study the entire problem of inflation has proposed, according, to to-day's "Washington Post," a sort of Economic High Command to co-ordinate the polities of all Government agencies concerned.

Such a board would have a chairman appointed by President Roosevelt and would include chiefs of the office Price Administration, the War Production Board, the War Labour Board and the War Manpower Commission.

A White House spokesman said today that a number of studies were being made of the Inflation Problem but none had yet reached President Roosevelt with whom the final decision rested.—Reuter.

In Middle East

SUPERIORITY OF BR. TANK CREWS

LONDON, August 16.

Reuter's special correspondent with the Eighth Army Armoured Corps Headquarters at El Alamein cables:—

British tank crews, in spite of the fact that they are often being outgunned in the Desert, outclass the Germans in armoured warfare. Commander Ravenstein, the German Officer who was captured in the last campaign, admitted the superiority of British tank crews. Now the accuracy of the claims is further stressed by Major A. Biddellef who commands a British tank squadron which has been in action against German Afrika Korps since it first appeared in Africa last year.—Reuter.

Why Rommel Grumbles

CAIRO, August 16.

Rommel has been heard to grumble about the quality of his Panzer recruits, says Reuter's special correspondent with Eighth Army. That is one of the most encouraging facts, I am able to give in any preview of the battle which may be rejoined in the Egyptian desert before the present race between the Allies and Axis forces for new and better equipment is fully run. The terrain will play its inevitable part in the battle ahead. In Egyptian desert country, this should favour the Eighth Army rather more than in Libya, as shallows and depressions are more frequent and allow for greater use of tactical skill.—Reuter.

"Soul Of France Will Rise Again"

VICHY, Aug. 15.

Marshal Petain broadcasting to the French Youth this morning said, "It is you, the youth of France, that will build new France in a new Europe. This is a day of sorrow and hope for the future of France. Our war prisoners must know that the youth of France has watched over their patrimony which is entrusted to us. The France of to-day is awaiting them. The soul of France will rise again.—Reuter.

U. S. For Chemical Warfare

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.

"The United States is fully prepared to use chemical warfare in any proportion in any place, at any time it becomes desirable or necessary", declared Major General William Porter, Chief of the Chemical Warfare Service at Edgewood, Maryland.—Reuter.

BRITAIN AND LEBANESE INDEPENDENCE

BEIRUT, August 16.

Stabilisation of Lebanese independence and the maintainence of friendship with Britain and fighting France are among the main aims of the new Government's policy as defined by the Prime Minister Sami Bay. He added that the Government would consolidate Lebanese—Syrian friendship, provide adequate supplies for the population at reasonable prices, combat hoarding and speculation and revise certain financial and administrative regulations.—Reuter.

LORD LOCH DEAD

LONDON, August 16.

The death occurred after a long illness of Lord Loch aged 69. He was Britain's tallest Peer, being six feet four inches, and one of the greatest supporters of greyhound racing.—Reuter.

Hitler Offers Slovakia To Hungary

In Return For More Troops For Russian Front

LONDON, August 16.

Hitler has offered Slovakia to Hungary in return for more troops for the Russian front, according to reports received in London.

In a report which the Hungarian Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Kallay made to a secret session of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Hungarian Chamber and Senate after his return from Hitler's Headquarters, he is said to have revealed that Hitler told him that he doubted whether Slovakia could exist as an independent state. Hitler therefore offered to "mediate" between Slovakia and Hungary with the aim of incorporation of Slovakia in Hungary, demanding strong military support from Hungary in return.

M. Kallay told the Committee that he had said that this was impossible but he said that he agreed that Hungarian industry should be brought under German control and that food supplies to Germany should be increased.—Reuter.

"Orient Press" understands that Sir Zafarullah Khan is expected to attend the Federal Court which will assemble after the vasation. A senior Indian Civilian is likely to succeed him as Agent-General in China.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

Who is the British War Correspondent who after listening to Mr. Jinnah for an hour, explaining the Muslim League point of view asked the relevant, searching question: "Can you tell me, Mr. Jinnah, what is this Pakistan business all about?" (Exclusive to Half Column.)

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A small racing paper, edited by Sorab Bhoot continues to come to me. In a sort of editorial-column, on "G. I. P. 'War Effort'", the editor draws attention to the running of race specials when there is so great a shortage of wagons for food. "Only the other day it was announced that to save the strain on waggons and the railways, attempts were being made to divert some traffic on to lorries—after cursing the buses and lorries all these years—or to country-craft. Even a daily necessity like mutton is not available for want of wagons. But evidently attendance at races is essential to win the war and so the G. I. P. Ry., has made provision for them in these days! People living in Malabar Hill and the Olympian heights where generally officials of the Government live, cannot of course know the miseries of the ordinary folk that form the queues that wait for hours for a paylee of grain. Carry on, Mr. Agent!"

Good work, Mr. Bhoot. Your voice will be heard, don't worry.

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American Visitor to Bombay: "Say, you call this a black-out—these strong street-lights?"

A. R. P. Warden on patrol: "It's a vacation we're having here."

U. S. AIR FORCE READY TO BOMB GERMANY

LONDON, August 16.

Reuter's war correspondent with the United States army air depot somewhere in Britain wires:

The United States Army air force is now ready to bomb Germany and Occupied Europe.

A few weeks ago, the Royal Air Force moved out taking their aircraft bag and baggage and United States Air Force moved in. The necessary machinery was quickly set up in the empty hangars and supplies for the maintenance and repairs of aircraft have been arriving ever since. The air field occupies many square miles and as far as I can see, across the country side, piles of crated supplies and equipment are dispersed for safety under camouflage. Some hangars have been converted into machineshops, others are devoted solely to assembly and still others are store-rooms for the vast quantity of supplies.

The American army is mechanised to a surprising degree.—Reuter.

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